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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
JOHNNY REFUGIO-PINEDA  
  
Defendant.

No. 1:23-CR-00081-001-TLN

**MOTION TO TERMINATE CJA  
APPOINTMENT OF ERNEST SCOTT  
KINNEY AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD  
AND ORDER**

On May 2, 2024, Defendant Johnny Refugio-Pineda was arrested for Federal Supervised Release violations. CJA Panel Attorney Ernest Scott Kinney was appointed as trial counsel to represent Mr. Refugio-Pineda on May 14, 2024, in his criminal case. Mr. Refugio-Pineda. Mr. Refugio-Pineda was sentenced [following admission to violations] on September 9, 2024. The time for filing a direct appeal was September 23, 2024. No direct appeal was filed. Mr. Refugio-Pineda was in custody at sentencing. Mr. Refugio-Pineda was committed to the Bureau of Prisons as directed on September 9, 2024. The trial phase of Mr. Refugio-Pineda's criminal case has, therefore, come to an end. Having completed his/her representation of Mr. Refugio-Pineda, CJA attorney Ernest Scott Kinney now moves to terminate his appointment under the Criminal Justice Act.

Should Mr. Refugio-Pineda require further legal assistance he/she has been advised to contact the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California by mail at 2300 Tulare Street, Suite 330, Fresno, CA 93721, or by phone at (559) 487-5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free), which, if appropriate, will arrange for the re-appointment of counsel to assist him/her.

Dated: October 26, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Kinney

Ernest S. Kinney, Attorney for  
Defendant, Johnney Refugio-Pineda

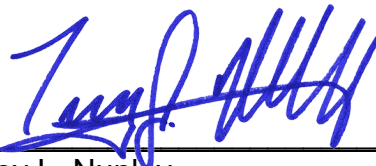
**ORDER**

Having reviewed the notice and found that attorney Ernest Scott Kinney has completed the services for which he was appointed, the Court hereby grants attorney Kinney's request for leave to withdraw as defense counsel in this matter. Should Defendant seek further legal assistance, Defendant is advised to contact the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California at 2300 Tulare Street, Suite 330, Fresno, CA 93721. The phone number for the office is (559) 487-5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free). If appropriate, the office will arrange for the reappointment of counsel to assist Defendant.

The Clerk of Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on Defendant Refugio-Pineda at the following address and to update the docket to reflect Defendant's pro se status and contact information.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**

Dated: October 28, 2024

  
Troy L. Nunley  
Chief United States District Judge

Johnny Refugio-Pineda  
Central Valley Community Correctional Facility  
245 Taylor Ave, McFarland, CA 93250